the Senate and fatteen in the House. THE TREE-BANKING SYSTEM-A MODIFIED PLAN TO BE REPONTED TO CONGRESS-SOME OF THE PEATURES OF THE BILL-CLAIMS OF SOUTH-ESS CONTRACTORS, &C.

[Special telegram to the Petersburg News.] Washington, January 27,-The Commit tee on Banking and Currency have so far adided their plan as to omit the prohibion upon national banks receiving interest

their deposits. Another feature of their bill is that the which each bank was required to keep on its deposits shall now be kept in its mults instead of the redeeming centres, etofore required by law.

Another feature suggested by Mr. Phelps, of New Jersey, and agreed to by the comtice, in order to render more palatable the of free banking, is that the Secretary of Treasury, from and after the first day of v, 1874, shall issue mouthly two millions notes, payable in gold two years after of the same amount of greenacle in their stead. The Secretary of the reactive is requested to keep a surplus of and after paying the interest on the public els and the expenses of the Government mittient to meet the gold notes as they fall

It seems to be understood that the claims of the southern post-office contractors for service rendered during the war, now debarred by the test-oath, will be provided for in some general bill to be reported by the Committee on Appropriations by striking out this test-outh for all such claims. It s necessary, however, that the claimants should get their claims certified by the contract officer of the Post-Office Department, and do this promptly, in order that the appropriation to be made may include their aims : otherwise they will have to wait. here is a strong feeling among all the memof the Committee on Pensions to give tensions to all who served in the war of 1512, regardless of their length of service. The role now requires sixty days' service, and a claim for tifty-nine days' service has L. Q. W.

RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS. The House Committee on Banking and turrency to-day added a clause to the bank bill now under their consideration looking the resumption of specie payments .-Washington Star. 27th.

A COMPLIMENT.

Steaker Blaine paid a handsome and wellqual to the position .- Washington Republi-

WHAT THE CINCECH PAPERS SAY ABOUT Southern Churchman of January Ed makes the following remarks in regard

Mr. Latane's resignation: " It grieves us much to learn that the Rev. A. Latane, rector of St. Matthew's church, ling, has resigned the ministry of the To say all we feel about the worth leaving the church of his fathers for many reperations, would not be expedient."

in Philadelphia, makes the following re-"We are informed that the Rev. James A.

Latine has resigned St. Matthew's church, our Church, and intends to join the Reweight of character. He is a graduate of that man was born there." the University of Virginia, a ripe scholar, a feel encouraged. We shall endeavor to lay the letter of Mr. Latane, or a portion of it, before our readers next week."

E-GORGE AND DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD IN Oswego river, to the Times says: The most the lower part of the city and all west of the canal the water is from two to seven feet amilies were obliged to leave their homes, from the second story of their houses, where they had taken refuge, by boats.

hem a very sick mother carrying a tiny babe. Men were seen wading in the water to their waists, carrying women of their household master, and some are being looked after by | shock. charitable citizens. The damage done to the are below water, so we have no gas. Some

partial statement made by the Attorney-General it appears that from March 2, 1867, hood. to January 31, 1873, the fees and expenses of Much of the land in this section is very of marshals, \$1,001,954; fees and expenses inviting field to the enterprising immigrant. of registers, \$1,768,340; miscellaneous ex-A law under which such a vast sum from one hundred and fifty acres of meadow land lemore American.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] EWISH BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION-COTTON TWO FIRES, ALMOST -- DIED -- INJURED -- MAYOR WOOD, ONCE MORE-RESIGNATION OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Peterseure, January 28, 1874. A number of ladles and gentlemen of the city, mostly of the Jewish persuasion, have organized the Petersburg Benevolent Dramatic Association, the purpose of which will be to give entertainments to raise funds for the relief of the suffering poor of the town. The first of their dramatic performances will be given at an early day. Messrs. Arrington & Sons received to-day

the largest consignment of cotton that has come to the city during the present season, consisting of one hundred and seventy-three bales. The market to-day is reported dull and lower, the figures ranging between 8 and 9 cents for very badly sorted and dirty, and 141 cents far middlings.

Between the hours of 11 and 12 last night a brick stable in Battersea, belonging to Mr. G. B. Eanes, was entered through the window and set on fire by some maliciously-disposed person. Happily, a gentleman who chanced to be passing saw the incipient dames and extinguished them before any great damage had been effected.

The residence of Mr. C. V. Bingley, on Harrison street, came near being burned today by the overturning of a stove (one of whose legs was broken) in the dining-room. The live coals were flung all over the apart ment, setting it on fire in many places, and causing much alarm and excitement. The neighbors came in to the relief, and the fire was put out quickly.

Mrs. S. F. Williams, an esteemed lady, living in Nottoway, died suddenly yesterday A negro named Henry was thrown out of his wagon to-day on Sycamore street while the same was following the heels of a runaway horse, and sustained severe injuries.

The second trial of Mayor Franklin Wood on charges of incompetency will commence to-morrow in the Hustings Court. Deputy Sheriff Donnan was occupied to-day summoning jurymen for the case. The injunction case has been postponed till Friday in consequence of the trial of the Mayor.

Mr. I. C. Schoolfield, for the past thirteen years superintendent of the Byrne-Street Baptist church, has resigned that position on account of his intended removal from the city to Portsmouth. The officers of the school and church have united in the adoption of a series of resolutions expressive of their affection and regret.

The rain fell a little again this morning. ROBIN ADAIR.

Botetourtfrom Scottsville. SCOTTSVILLE IN ANTE-BELLUM TIMES AND NOW-HER FUTURE PROSPECTS-THE MOON GHOST EXPOSED-AN ENGLISH INVASION, AND STILL THEY COME -A RICHMOND "B"-GREAT PRO-DUCTIVENESS OF THE SECTION-FARMERS CLUBS-COUNTY ASSOCIATION, ETC., ETC. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SCOTSVILLE, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.,

January 28, 1874. Pursuing my perigrinations through Pied mont Virginia, I find myself this evening on the banks of the James where I can stand with one foot on Albemarle soil, the other in Fluvanna, and with a good sling drop a stone on Buckingbam's shore. As we stand upon the banks of this pretty stream and watch the tiny waves as they splash and break at our feet, a sort of home-feeling comes over us when we recollect that a hundred and fifty miles above, amongst our own loved mountains, those same tiny

waves, clearer and brighter, there kissed

the shores of dear old Botetourt. Scottsville was before the war one of the eved compliment to Virginia in the most stirring, prosperous, and wealthy election of Hon. James B. Sener to be towns, in proportion to its population, in charman of the new Committee to Audit the State. The farmers of Albemarle and each endeavoring to secure himself against the Expenses of the Department of Justice. the adjacent counties for miles around less by giving the same short quantity to the It is rare that new members are placed at brought their produce here for sale, or shipthe head of important committees. In this ment by canal to Richmond; a number of regularities introduce a great deal of confuastance, however, the gentleman is fully stores and commission houses, a large mill, were in successful operation; fortunes were made, money was plentiful, and the Scottsvillians happy. But one bright day a Virginia Central engine shrieked a triumphant Eureka" at Louisa Courthouse, and Scottsville, sadly sighing "Ichabod," awoke from her bright dream of a golden future to find that she was too slow for this fast age, and looked helplessly on while her trade slipped estant Episcopal Church. He will pub- off to the railroad. Then Sheridan, the inh his reasons during this week. In the cendiary, came along, and her factories, her time, we may remark, he says he is not mills, and valuable private residences around to continue his ministry by reason of smoked in ruins behind him. But still she arful errors that are tolerated in the struggles on, and, with true Virginia pluck, "won't say die." She has rebuilt her woolr. Latane, or tell all our sorrow at his len factory, gotten her mills into successful operation (turning off seventy-five barrels of flour per day, and with her daily-boat ar-The Episcopalian of the 21st, published rivals at the Richmond and Lynchburg wharves, and her regular tri-weekly stage at North Garden station, her Moon-ghost mysteries, backed by her enterprising little sheet the Scottsville Courier, shows her de-Wheeling, W. Va., and also his ministry in termination not to be forgotten by the outside world. She lives in hopes, and justly formed Episcopal Church as organized by too, we think, of the completion of Virginia's Bishop Cummins and his associates. A let- great water-line-the James River and Kafer from him, giving his reasons for this nawba canal. Then, occupying as she will P. appears in the Wheeling Intelligencer a prominent post on that national thoroughthe 19th, which is written with vigor, fare (tor it must and will be built), Scottsand goes over the ground of existing con- ville will be herself again, the grass in hear reversies in our Church in a masterly man- streets will be trodden down, her waste ner. A large edition of the paper has been places will be rebuilt, her borders will be ened for general circulation. The Rev. larged, opulence will seek a home within her Mr. Latane is stated to be a man of 'great limits, and it will be said of her, "This and pint they shall contain not less than 371

We have alluded to the Moon ghost, of theologian, an excellent preacher, which the readers of the Dispatch a year or strictly conscientious in all his acts, and re- two ago will recollect to have seen frequent markable for his directness and honesty.' and startling reports. We visited the local-tertainly, with such a man to be numbered ity of these wonderful manifestations a few with the laborers in the reform movement, days since, and not having heard a solution our brethren in that communion may justly of the mystery we experienced a rather uncomfortable sensation about the head, arising, we presume, from the effort of each individual hair to assume the vertical. Our apprehensions, however, were allayed by meeting a gentleman evidently made after the same image as ourself, who informed us WESTERN NEW YORK — Oswego, N. Y., Janu-the same image as ourself, who informed us ary 27.--A dispatch from Fulton, on the that the ghost had been suspected of the very unspiritual pastime of horse-stealing, extensive flood known here for twenty years and being pressed pretty close had taken its s now devastating the lower portions of this flight to more congenial climes. So, our hair village, occasioned by the high water in the resuming the horizontal, we listened to parfiver and the damming of a large quantity ticulars, and gathered, that a band of horseof ice on both sides. About half a mile of thieves had been in the habit of visiting the place on their regular trips with their illgotten booty, and hid the horses in a dense On Sunday evening about thirty pine thicket near the dwelling, where they were fed and cared for by a person living on and many more this morning were carried the farm in Mr. Moon's employ, who was connected with the gang. Their reckless characters, doubtless to subserve their own In one instance a whole family were taken- ends, played the strange tricks, which were from their up-stairs retreat, and among greatly exaggerated by alarm and frequent repetition. Be that as it may, an arrest or two and criminal prosecution, and the ghost disappeared. Putting this and that on their backs to places of safety. Numbers together, we confess our belief that the spirit-of families have been cared for by the poor-ual part of the story has received a severe

In the neighborhood of Scottsville we usiness interest is great. The gas-works were fortunate enough to meet with an old Richmond merchant-one of the numerous of the flour mills are unable to run, and Barksdale name—who has turned his ledger there is danger that work in all will be stop- into a ploughshare, his pen into a pruninghook, and wields them right worthily on one of the best river farms in the good county of The bankrupt law now in force is not only Albemarle. After seeing the grass, and the ruinious, in many cases, to debtors as well as stock, and the crops of the said Barksdale, creditors, but it causes an immense waste of we were not surprised to hear from the money in fees and other expenses. From a neighboring planters that Richmond had

assignces have been \$1,003,022; fees and ex- productive and in a high state of culture, penses of clerks, \$942,792; fees and expenses and, being held at a low figure, offers a most penses, \$105,068. Total expenses, \$4,821,784. Gantt, near Scottsville, sold last year from the estates of bankrupts is wasted in fees and court expenses either ought to be repealed at once or essentially modified.—Balhay, which pay better than anything else, the outlay being comparatively small, and THE PENITERTIARY.—"The new Board of the outlay being comparatively small, and against the instruction of the Union the carriage by water light. Large crops of army, compares the later war with that of the Directors of this institution are absolutely certain that with proper assistance from the General Assembly these are assistance from the of Mr. J. Coles, at Warren, near here, and Confederates, and says: General Assembly they can make it self-susdining. They make it self-susMr. Z. Lewis, near Howardsville, six miles 6 The quality of the Confederate soldiers They propose to hire out every further up the river, being estimated at fifty effectually disposes of the plea that it is necess without a trade out every further up the river, being estimated at fifty effectually disposes of the plea that it is necess without a trade out every sea a nucleus

farmers from England, Scatland, and Ireland, and even a rich English custom-house officer from China, whose intelligence and general information are as unbounded as his hospitality and popularity. These intelligent gentlemen are a great addition to the society of the country, and are also prominent in pro-moting the interests of agriculture. They are active members and officers of the agricultural clubs in Albemarle, of which there are a number in the county, with a county association consisting of a delegation from each club. Your correspondent having been invited to attend a meeting of this associa tion, was fortunate to find the time to be present. He heard a most excellent and exhaustive discourse from William W. Minor, Esq., the president, and several fateresting speeches from members present. This association embraces the wealth and intelligence of the farming community of Albemarle, and must be productive of great benefit to that class of the people. It is the livest body of the kind I have heard of in Virgi-

In connection with the subject of English emigration to this country, the writer would state that, from information gathered from our new countrymen, he has learned that there are bundreds of families now in Great Britain who would emigrate to our shores during the present year if the proper steps were taken to turn their attention in this direction. It is only necessary that some one in whom they can confide should be met to bear our offers of bargains and our messages of welcome and good faith. One of their own countrymen, known and respected here and there, sent as an agent of the State, could do more to direct English emigration, energy, and capital to Virginia than all the agencies in operation. Such a man can be found in the county of Albemarle to undertake the mission without salary or emolument-his bare expenses being paid by the people he would benefit.

Making a raid across the riverinto Buckingham, we gathered no items of interest except the finding of valuable iron deposits on the land of William A. Wilkerson, of Fallsburg Mills, near Warren.

BOTETOURT. P. S. We will add that never at this period of the year have we seen the wheat crop look more promising than it does through all this section.

From Danville, [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., January 27, 1874. commutation of the sentence of Christopher Craft affords special gratification to the large number of the best citizens, who sent up the petition, and greatly relieves all those who had a horror of anything like the scene in Barnaby Rudge.

Rev. J. B. Taylor, Jr., of Culpeper, has declined the invitation to the pastorate of the Baptist church, feeling it his "duty to remain where he is." ALPHA.

What Articles Ought to be Sold by Weight and What by Measure.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore American.] Annapolis, January 27 .- The packing interests of Baltimore have long suffered from a systematic shortage in almost all fruits and vegetables offered in the market. There has been no regulation upon the mode of their sale, and most of the berries and small fruits have been sold in boxes, which vary greatly in their contents. A box of strawberries, nominally holding a quart, will actually not hold much over half that quantity; loose heaping, leaves at the bottom of the boxes, or narrow diameter, taking up a large portion of the space. The same dishonesty is practiced in the sale of peaches, pears, quinces, and other fruit, so that a system of fraud is encouraged among all the dealers, buyer as that received by him. These irsion in the market, as they prevent any acin estimating the qua actually be received in a purchase, and preventing a fair relation between price and quality. It was for the same reason that an act was passed compelling the sale of potatoes to be made by weight instead of measurement. This morning a committee of fruit-packers, representing Louis McMurray & Co., William Numsen & Sons, W. W. Boyer, Wentz & Barndollar, J. B. Brinkley & Son, and Tighlman & Drakely, all wellknown Baltimore firms, visited the Legisla-ture and submitted the following provisions:

First. When peaches, pears, or quinces are offered for sale in boxes, said boxes, if without a division, shall contain 2,747 cubic inches, and shall be conspicuously marked "one bushel." If said boxes have a division, then each portion shall contain not less than 1,373 cubic inches, and shall be conspicuously marked "one-half bushel," When offered for sale in baskets, said baskets shall contain not less than 1,373 cubic inches, and shall be marked "one half-bushel." Second. Tomatoes shall be sold by weight

at the rate of fity-six pounds to the bushel, and shall not be sold in any other way. Third. When strawberries, blackberries, whordeberries, ruspherries, gooseberries, mulberries, or other small fruits or berries are offered for sale is boxes or baskets, said boxes or baskets shall be conspicuously marked either "one quart" or "one pint. If marked one quart they shall contain not

less than 75 cubic inches; if marked one Fourth. Damsons, cherries, plums, and gages shall be sold by weight, and shall not

be sold in any other way.

Fifth. Lima beaus, when offered for sale hulled, shall be sold by weight, at the rate of fifty-two pounds to the bushel. The Anne Arundel delegates, whose constituents are largely affected by any legislation upon the fruit interest, will probably support the bill, as a regular standard of sale must be of advantage to the growers, except those who purposely engage in systematic fraud. Backberry-pickers will sell five buckets to hucksters and middlemen, who will manage to get seven buckets out of the same quantity, and so prevent competition from the pickers who would go into market, giving an honest measure. It is well known that some of the growers would like to keep up the present system, but its inherent dishonesty should prevent their opposition from influencing the Legislature. The quantities prescribed in the bill are the State standards of measurement, and there can be

no objection upon that score. [Note .- In the case of peaches, pears, and quinces, there is a fraction of a cubic inch omitted, as its appearance would confuse some readers.]

The above is a matter worthy of the attenion of the authorities here.

New Granges organized by General Depnty J. W. Morton: On the 24th instant, in Brunswick county, Jonesboro' Grange, with J. W. Jones as Master ; E. B. Maddox, Overseer; R. L. Hurt, Lecturer; G. E. Kennedy, Steward; T. C. Muddox, Assistant Steward; J. L. Powell, Secretary; J. R. Jones, Chaplain; D. B. Kennedy, Treasurer; J. B. Jones, Gatekeeper; Mrs. R. L. Hurt, Ceres; Mrs. R. L. Lurt, Ceres; Mrs. R. Lurt, R. Lur R. A. Jones, Pomona; Miss S. M. Jones,

Flora; Miss C. R. Peace, L. A. S. On the 26th instant, in Prince Edward county, Hampden Grange, with John M. Venable, Master; Richard Stokes, Overseer; John P. Fitzgerald, Lecturer; Robert M. Harper, Steward; J. Irvine Dickinson, Assistant Steward; B. Worsham, Secretary; Hugh F. Morton, Chaplain; George A. Bruce, Treasurer; N. H. Garland, Gatekeeper; Mrs. Richard Stokes, Ceres; Mrs. J. P. Fitzgerald, Pomona; Mrs. B. Worsham, Flora; Mrs. J. M. Venable, L. A. S.

A TRIBUTE TO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS .-The New York Sun, in taking strong ground against the increase of the United States

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Letter from retemburg) 1 2 1 | retired mays and brusy tomores ar well as | never approach a Confederate cemetery with out taking off our bats in homege to the devoted braves, who ever walked straight into the jaws of death without blenching."

They [the Coleman sisters] are very fumuy and kept the people in roars of laughter a the time they (the people) were not splitting their sides at the antics of a member of the House of Delegates who occupied a seat in the dress-circle. - Chester, in Petersburg

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